

AMUSEMENTS.

Grand Theater—Curtis Musical Co. in "Fiddle Dum Dee;" matinee today; performance tonight.  
Lyric Theatre—"Gay Paree Girls;" matinee today and week beginning tonight.  
Utahna Park theatre.—Empire Stock Co., all week.  
**Coming Attractions.**  
Salt Lake Theatre—"The Jolly Musketeer," Sept. 16-19; "Parsifal" Pictures, Sept. 20.

The lid is off at the Grand. It was lifted Monday. Manager Smutzer got his broad shoulders under it and the thing was jarred loose. It will stay lifted for over forty weeks—quite a lift, eh? There were many who assisted Mr. Smutzer in lifting the lid. When the colored lights and electric signs in front of the Grand flamed out and broke the darkness, did you notice how many first-night moths were fluttering around the many candles at the entrance? When the button was pressed and the front of the house was jeweled with multi-colored lights, it was the call of the beautiful to the theatre moths of the town. Small wonder, too! It was the prettiest rainbow-color appeal ever made to the moths of little old Salt Lake. Under the dazzling incandescents, through the doors, arched with lights; into the lobby, fairy-landed with more lights, right up to the box office other lights were flaming—into it all fluttered and flew Salt Lake's army of ticket-buying moths. The charge on the Six Hundred was a picnic compared to the flight of the twelve hundred moths who winged their way into the Grand. Inside, the auditorium was a bazaar of tasteful tints—appealing to the eye, yet restful. The entire color scheme suggested what may be accomplished when money and brains artistically conspire. For, while expense has been disregarded in the decorations of the Grand, a wise management has deliberated upon cause and effect as applied to ornamentation. Hereafter the moths of Salt Lake can flutter and flutter at the Grand without the criminal thought that their wings are beating against the cheap gliding of a ten cent cage. After the moths had buzzed their appreciation around the candles, another agreeable surprise was disclosed. Manager Smutzer pirouetted to the footlights and made a heart-to-heart talk—one of those "don't throw bouquet talks" that is fragrant enough. It was the best monologue stunt ever handed out to a Salt Lake audience. It wasn't a burst of eloquence but somehow it blended eloquently with the tints, the lights and the pretty effects everywhere. Mr. Smutzer may not have studied his speech—charity would make denial—but there was not a tailor-made note in his symphonic dress that did not sound of careful, premeditated study. John Drew in all his panoply of glad rags was never arrayed so faultlessly as genial Smutzer.

And to think there was no glorious flood of calcium! But that was a mere detail. Then followed the show. "A New York Girl," with dashy Miss Howell as the moth in the Broadway candle. Ever since Weber and Fields hung out their sign at Broadway and 29th street, their spirits like John Brown's, has been "marching on." In a "New York Girl" there is a touch of the methods and business which made them famous. In the show are a trio of comedians, Burkhardt, Green and Williams. They carry their own bargain counters of laughter, and while their goods are often cheap, there's plenty of ribbon for the money. The girls of the show, in comely appearance, will compare with the conventional traveling chorus. Their symmetry seems to have made no resort to sawdust fillings or the padding which is so often cruel with deceit.

I noticed some of them, however, certainly gazed on the rouge box when it was too red.

At the matinee today and performance tonight "Fiddle Dum Dee" is the bill. I am told—on the quiet—that it is a sure chaser for the blues.

Down at the Lyric those gay "California Girls" have been putting the frivolous San Francisco atmosphere to the Main street house. There were plenty of vaudeville turns introduced and a lot of specialties which were roundly applauded by the Lyric patrons. No, gentle reader, the fair maids with the "California Girls" are not from the Mount Shasta region—that's where the snow grows and there was nothing chilly in the plump chorus of the "California Girls" company. I'll leave it to any fellow who frequented the bald-headed row.

By the way, the Lyric theatre is to be congratulated on getting the same musical companies which show in the California theatre—the Bush street house always had a reputation of giving in the theatrical goods for the money. So the patrons of the Lyric may count on getting shows which bear the stamp of San Francisco approval. That alone is worth something. The bill at today's matinee, and with the week beginning tonight is the "Dainty Paree" extravaganza company. This company is fresh from winning laurels in the big city on the bay. The company appears in the musical extravaganza, "A Merry Bachelor"—something said to be full of snap and ginger, catchy music and light and lightness. The usual olio contains vaudeville and singing and dancing specialties. "The Dainty Paree" chorus is said to be one of the largest and the handsomest on the road.

"The Jolly Musketeer" will be given at the Salt Lake theatre beginning Sept. 16 and two nights the following week. Active rehearsals are being made and the vocal strength of the chorus will be a feature. An enlarged orchestra is also a pleasurable part of the entertainment. In the cast are George Pyper, John D. Spencer, Hugh Dougall, Miss Gates, Miss Emma Ramsey Morris, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Best and others well known in musical Salt Lake. "The Jolly Musketeer" should have no trouble in repeating its former wonderful success.

With the appearance of the "Jolly Musketeer" at the Salt Lake theatre the season will have fairly begun. On Sept. 20 Beatty Bros. "Parsifal" pictures will be given, with vocal selections from grand opera. Then follows Ethel Barrymore in her famous play "Sunday."

After the Barrymore engagement, Mr. Pyper announces the following bookings, all of which appear before Christmas:

Sultan of Sulu, Chaperons, Florence Roberts, Tenderfoot, Mme Hermann, Peggy from Paris, Royal Chef, Wilton Lackaye in "The Pit; Girl from Kay's, Buster Brown, Prince of Pilsen, In Old Kentucky, Sho Gun, Marriage of Kitty, Under Southern Skies, When Knighthood Was in Flower, The College Widow, When Johnny Comes Marching Home, Way Down East, Louis James and Ben Hur.

It will be seen from the foregoing that Mr. Pyper will be quite busy dealing out the theatrical cards—among

them several aces—and that Salt Lake lovers of the stage have plenty of good entertainment before them.  
HARRY LE GRANDE.

The complimentary testimonial tendered by the citizens of Salt Lake City to Mr. Harry Horsley will take place at the Salt Lake theatre, Sept. 25th.

Lovers' Lament Heeded.

In Wales the Cefn council has erected a foot bridge over a stream in the district. This was because lovers had complained that a favorite walk along the side of the River Dee had been previously rendered uncomfortable, the couples having to wade through the stream.

Mrs. Browning's Sufferings.

Mrs. Browning wrote most of her beautiful poems confined to a darkened chamber, to which only her own family and a few devoted friends could be admitted, in great weakness and almost unintermittent suffering, with her favorite spaniel as her companion.

Clock Brings \$500.

Last year an Englishman spending his holidays at Lake Windermere, bought for \$2? an old grandfather's clock that he had seen in a cottage. It was damaged in transit and the owner let the express company keep it in payment of \$25. The company has just sold it for \$500.

Force Expended in Thinking.

Dr. Paul Sollier, expert psychologist, told his brethren at their annual meeting in Paris that to think for a whole week is to expend just about as much energy as would lift 8,000 pounds to the height of the Eiffel Tower.

G "Cats."

The bishop of Salisbury, England, urges to discourage the gossip of mischief-making, scandal-loving women in their parishes, because the "talking of these old cats" often led to serious dissension in a parish.

Removes Wrinkles.

A beauty doctor doing business in London undertakes to remove wrinkles and other lines in the face of a patron by repeated applications of a pneumatic cup, which draws the sunken tissues out.

Money for Rescue Hall.

The money from the sale of two east side Methodist churches in New York will be spent nearby. It will go into the extremely successful Wesley Rescue Hall in the Bowery.

A Man to Be Admired.

I confess to a whole-hearted admiration for the fellow who can rest, who can sit or lie absolutely still minus a pipe, for three or four solid hours.—Fry's Magazine.

HIS JUDGMENT AT FAULT.

One Instance Where Balzac Failed as a Graphologist.

If there was one thing upon which Balzac flattered himself more than another it was his skill in reading character from handwriting.

But he made a sad mistake on one occasion. A lady brought him an extract from the exercise book of a 12-year-old schoolboy, and asked him for an opinion as to the youngster's character and prospects. Balzac inquired whether the child was her own. Answered in the negative, he examined the exercise carefully and delivered his judgment.

"Madame," he said, "this child is thick-headed and frivolous. He will never come to any good. If he were my child I would take him from school and put him to the plow."

Then it was explained to the novelist that the specimen on which he had pronounced so severely was one of his own which had been discovered hidden away between the leaves of an old lesson book.

English Free Library.

The borough of Southwark, England, is about to inaugurate the open bookshelf in its public libraries. Taxpayers and others who register their names as borrowers will be allowed to enter the libraries and take down from the shelves the books they require without reference to the attendants.

Woman is Made Magistrate.

A woman has been elected as local magistrate in the commune of Rank Herlein, Hungary, because the whole adult male population of the place had emigrated to America and not a man was left to fill the position.

Dog Protects Master's Body.

Walking on the railway near Cambridge, England, an engine driver heard a dog whine, and found that it was lying on the body of its master, a news agent, named Hinton, who had been killed by a train.

Prussian Exiles for Siberia.

A German journal calls attention to the fact that in 1802 the king of Prussia made an arrangement with the Russian emperor for transporting Prussian criminals to Siberia.

Lightning Rod Revival.

There is a revival of interest in lightning rods in France.

The Modern Million.

A millionaire, they say, could try a "stand pat" play in days gone by; But now a million has no chance—It's one white chip in high finance.—Washington Star.

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